

## **Arizona Game and Fish Department Calendar Photo Contest Rules**

**New this year: contestants are only allowed to enter three (3) photographs. Also, a slideshow highlighting honorable mention photographs will be displayed on the Department's Web site at: [www.azgfd.gov/photocontest](http://www.azgfd.gov/photocontest).**

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is hosting its fourth annual calendar photo contest. Winners will be published in the department's 2010 wildlife calendar.

### **Eligibility**

The contest is open to any photographer except employees of the Arizona Game and Fish Department and members of their immediate families (parents, spouses, children, or siblings living in the same household).

### **Theme**

Send us your best wildlife images. All animal photos must depict wildlife found in Arizona and all photos must have been taken in Arizona. Photos of pets, livestock or insects (including butterflies or dragonflies) are not eligible.

### **Format for Submissions**

Digital images: Digital images on disk must be accompanied by 8x10 inch prints on photo paper. Images must be: HORIZONTAL, 300 dpi, jpeg or tiff, 8 bit and at least 9x12 inches. To capture the required high-resolution image, set your camera at the highest level of quality possible; on some cameras, this setting is called "super fine." Read the owner's manual for instructions. This setting will create big files (meaning fewer pictures will fit on each memory card). Digital pictures taken with a 6-megapixel camera or larger are preferred. Manipulation of digital images must be limited to the kinds of manipulation that can be done with traditional film printing techniques, such as burning in and dodging, eliminating dust spots, etc. Images in which content has been altered will not be accepted.

Transparencies: 35 mm or larger in positive form are preferred (no negatives). Transparencies must be accompanied by 8x10 inch prints on photo paper. Slide sheets are fine, but please do not use the small plastic sleeves intended to protect individual 35mm slides.

8x10 inch prints submitted without digital images on disk or transparencies will be disqualified.

### **Entry Procedure**

1. Each contestant may submit a maximum of 3 entries per person.
2. Each entry must be identified with the owner's full name and address typed or printed clearly on the back of each print and on each transparency mount and disk.
3. Send an entry form with your submission, with the following information (or use the entry form provided):

Name of photographer

Mailing address (good through December 2009)

Telephone number (good through December 2009)

E-mail address

Subject/Location

Where and when taken

Camera model (optional)

Film type (optional)  
Shutter speed and f-stop (optional)

4. Do not include other materials with your submission (for example, subscription orders, draw applications, checks, correspondence or the like).
5. Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged unless a self-addressed, stamped postcard is included.
6. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified.

### **Return of Entries**

Only original transparencies will be returned by first-class mail. No other materials will be returned.

### **Prizes**

Twelve first-place awards will be given, plus one “Best in Show” for the cover photo. Entrants are only allowed to win twice (one best in show and one first place).

“Best in Show” Cover Photo (1 winner) — \$400  
First place (12 winners) — \$250

All winners will receive calendars and certificates of achievement. Winning names will be posted on [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).

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### **Judging**

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the unique character of the subject. The judges’ decisions are final.

### **Deadline**

The deadline for receipt of entries is 5 p.m. (MST) July 6, 2009 (postmarks do not count). Entries received after this date will be disqualified. Send all entries to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, IEPB photo contest, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

### **Rights and Permissions**

Photographers retain copyright to their submitted photographs. By submitting one or more entries, contestants agree to have their submitted photographs published in the Arizona Game and Fish Department 2010 calendar and used in promotional materials for that calendar.